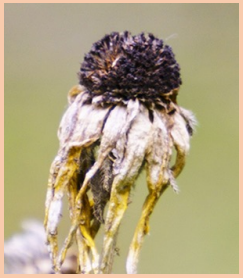
Help Pollinators this Fall!

Now is the time to help create natural habitats for insects, birds & wildlife.

1. **Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt, collect native wildflower & grass seeds and scatter them in flowerbeds, meadows, fields & roadsides.**

Some common beneficial native wildflower seeds to look for:

Milkweed – pick the pods, let them dry out, pop them open, watch the silks and seeds float away.



Rudbeckia, Black-eyed Susans – leave most of the dried black seed heads on the plants for birds to eat this winter. Pick a few to scatter around.

Baptisia – the brittle black pods easily pop open to release tiny seeds. Pick off gently, pop open and scatter.

2. Build a nature habitat in your back yard.

- "Plant" a log – find a place for a limb or log in your yard. Add some stones, seashells, moss, dried plants around it.
- Build a little brush pile or rock pile.

Beetles burrow into the wood…
Birds bore into it to eat the bugs…
Cavity nesting bees have a home!

3. Collect twigs and make indoor or outdoor creations with them!

DO leave your leaves in your yard - Don't blow them all away!
They are nature's mulch and improve you soil; and they are home to many animals including overwintering insects, as eggs, larvae, cocoons. To learn more, visit xerces.org.

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